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In re Application of: W. P. Newton et al.
Serial No. 08/839,161
For: Support System for Laterally Removable Sash
Examiner Gregory Strimbu
Docket No. RCAL-5

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF
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I called Examiner, Greg Strimbu on this application on 14 February 2005 and proposed changes in claims 12 and 13. The proposal was to change the subject matter of claim 13 slightly and then add it to claim 12 as a third paragraph. The body of claim 13 would be amended to read, "wherein the sash is supported on the shoes by sash support arms directly engaging the platforms."


I explained to the examiner that the cited art did not show any sash support arms directly engaging platforms that were formed of a single extruded piece having the claimed profile, because the cited art had sash support arms resting on moveable elements added to a basic sash shoe.

Examiner Strimbu said he would think about this and call me later on that day or the following day.


On 22 February 2005, when I had not heard from Examiner Strimbu, I called him again and reminded him of my proposal for claim 12. He said it still caused problems because there was another piece of art that he could have cited against the amendment. Apparently such art is not yet cited in the application, after nearly 8 years of prosecution and several non-final office

actions. Examiner Strimbu said that because the case had been on his desk too long he issued a final office action, instead of continuing negotiations with me to make other claims allowable.

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